

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 46
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 14, 2016; January 24, 2017,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
 1-4 February 21, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; February 21, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	X			
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1-11	X			
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1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15	X			
1-16	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to allowing judges to use juror identification numbers
 1-20 when polling the jury.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Article 37.05, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
 1-23 amended to read as follows:

1-24 Art. 37.05. POLLING THE JURY. (a) The State and ~~[or]~~ the
 1-25 defendant each ~~[shall]~~ have the right to have the jury polled, which
 1-26 is done by calling separately the name or identification number of
 1-27 each juror and asking the juror [him] if the verdict is the juror's
 1-28 [his]. If all jurors, when asked, answer in the affirmative, the
 1-29 verdict shall be entered upon the minutes; but if any juror answers
 1-30 [answer] in the negative, the jury shall retire again to consider
 1-31 its verdict.

1-32 (b) For the purposes of polling the jury in Subsection (a),
 1-33 the judge may assign each juror an identification number to use in
 1-34 place of the juror's name.

1-35 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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